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Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the first annual Distributed Energy Resources Conference and Peer Review! This forum will provide an opportunity to exchange ideas, provide feedback and learn more about distributed energy resources activities at the U.S. Department of Energy and around the country.

Now is the time to focus on distributed energy—for reasons of national energy security, relief for the strained national electric power system, and increased energy productivity, reliability, and efficiency. Distributed energy is an important strategy for the Office of Power Technologies to provide the necessary framework for modernizing and protecting U.S. energy needs.

Distributed energy resources have received increased attention nationwide. Newspapers across the country have published editorials and stories on the solutions distributed energy offers. The President's National Energy Plan highlights various technologies and systems, and makes recommendations to advance distributed energy resources. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham has specifically drawn attention to the benefits of distributed energy in speeches across the country. Distributed energy is evolving from a little-known concept to a mainstream, viable option for industries, small businesses, institutions, and consumers.

Please take advantage of the opportunity provided by this conference and peer review to share your thoughts and explore new ideas with other participants and with Department of Energy program managers and staff. We look forward to hearing your views on the DER Office's goals, objectives, programs, leadership, and productivity.

Best Regards,

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